

Potomac Flag Sought by St. Teresa--Ardmore to Have Four Preliminaries

ST. TERESA MAKES BID FOR HONOR IN POTOMAC CONTESTS

"On to Richmond" is Slogan of Players Battling to Cut Down Machinist Lead.

GOVERNMENT RACE CLOSE

Changes in Schedule Bring All of the Strong Teams Together During Week.

By BRYAN MORSE.

Go out to the Potomac League and hear the St. Teresa players holler "On to Richmond," and you will get an idea of the spirit and pep demonstrated in the fight to out Machinists from the lead in this fast circuit. Many of the fans believe St. Teresa will come through to the title and there are those who are picking the team to land the post season title.

Right now the St. Teresa team is going at a lively clip. Drillery and Congress Heights are also in the vanguard, but the Saints believe they have a chance in that "On to Richmond" slogan, and are putting forth every effort to make good.

Fairlawn will be met tomorrow, and then Machinists will be within easy reach. Man for man, the St. Teresa team compares favorably with any team in the city. The players are for the most part youngsters though seasoned players with a lot of experience. They have been through many a hard battle and seem intent in getting to Richmond for the intercity title series.

"Bus" Hager, one of the best backstops in the city, is catching for St. Teresa. Mike Cantwell and Ed Kelley are doing the bulk of the pitching honors. As evidence of Kelley's condition it may be mentioned that in a recent game he fanned twenty-two batters. Cantwell has had a flock of one-hit games to his credit, and is a leading hurler in several leagues.

Bronson Howard, Western High first-sacker, is on the initial pitcher. Bob Evans is holding down second, while Walter is on third base. Palmer Stearns, who captained Western High School this season, is playing short. In the outfield Lefty Clayton, Andy Walker, and "Yellow" Meyers are batting in fine style and producing a brand of baseball play to any thing shown in any other outfield in the city.

"Bob" Cranston and "Shags" Rawlings are the infielders, with Mangus Wood on hand for any outfield or infield job. It is a little early to start picking them, but just keep your eye on this St. Teresa team, for the "On to Richmond" cry seems to be taking effect on the team play, and is bringing success right along.

There is a tight race for the Government League honor in the second series. Right now, Commerce, recently strengthened, is tied with Bureau. These teams will hook up tomorrow in one of the four remaining games in the first series. Navy and Marines will meet Thursday, while on Friday a double bill has been arranged between Bureau and Foresters and Commerce and Marines.

The largest crowds of the season are expected this week. Bureau and Commerce have won seven games and lost one, while the Marines have won five and lost three. Commerce or Bureau to win will win the league. Commerce or Bureau to come through for a win in the second series. The winner will meet the Marines in a five-game series for the league title.

A double-header, which will give the fans an idea of the strength of several league contenders, will be played Saturday at American League Park for the benefit of the Civil Service Retirement Association.

The Marines of the Government League will battle in the opening contest with Interior, of the Departmental League, winners of the first series in that circuit. In the second game, the Bureau nine, of the Government League, will play the Machinists, leaders of the Potomac circuit.

The Clarendon, Va., ball club will cross bats with the Aggies team of the Departmental League next Saturday, the 24th, at Clarendon, Va., in a benefit game, the entire proceeds going to Emergency Receiving Home for Children, located at Barcroft, Va.

For the second day in succession amateur nines were forced to lay off yesterday on account of rain. The Terminal Morning League got away with a game, but the others were forced to call off their contests. Transportation defeating Car by 10 to 5 in the only battle started.

Amateur Leagues.

Potomac--G. H. I. vs. Congress Heights. Government--Open date. Roseville--Columbia vs. Holy Name. N. W. S. vs. Immanuel vs. Whitney. C. C. vs. St. Peter's vs. Sacred Heart. E. W. S. vs. Keller vs. Reformation. Terminal--Shops vs. Baggage.

Texas League. Galveston, 3; San Antonio, 2. Houston, 2; Beaumont, 2. Waco, 2; Shreveport, 2. Dallas-Fort Worth--Off day.

New England League. Lowell, 2; Worcester, 1. Manchester, 11; Portland, 3. Lawrence-Leviston, rain.

International League. Providence, 3; Jersey City, 2. Harrisburg, 3; Richmond, 2. Buffalo, 3; Toronto, 2. Rochester, 3; Montreal, 1. Rochester, 3; Montreal, 6.

New York State League. Utica, 1; Elmira, 5. Watkinsburg, 3; Troy, 0. Schenectady, 3; Albany, 2. Syracuse-Binghamton game postponed; wet grounds.

TODAY'S SPORTORIAL

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

CLEVELAND, July 20.—What are the urgent needs of the Griffmen today? Principally hitters. No team can be considered to have a chance at the final honors in fast company, unless it possesses two or three batsmen who can be counted upon to deliver hits when such hits will bring in the runs that win. These batsmen don't necessarily have to clout around .340, but they should be close around the .300 mark. Hanks Shanks is the only real hitter with the Griffmen right now; and he has done all his execution within the last six weeks. He cannot come to bat every minute, and so many of his hits are thrown away for want of support by others. Therefore, the first real necessity of the Griffmen is batting strength. Clark Griffith knows this, too, and means to obtain some players who can hit around .300, even though they don't lead the league.

The batting of the Nationals this season has been weak enough to keep them at the bottom of the team averages. Hundreds of occasions have arisen this year where a single, or even a long fly to the outfield, would have either won a game or changed its complexion. But the Griffmen have not delivered the hit or even the sacrifice fly. They have fanned, rolled to the infield or merely popped up. However, even with this manifest weakness, the team might have made a strike at the leaders but for the awful slump on this trip. It is doubtful if it could have held whatever advantage it might have obtained, but its rush to the front might have carried the boys along through sheer excitement until such time as the real rub came.

Though not as prominent among the Griffmen as in other clubs, the long-term contracts at high salaries have had something to do with the lackluster performance of the season. There are signs in the sky pointing to a decided change in these conditions before the 1916 season opens. Discipline, while not lax, is not really firm this year. Several club rules have been, and are being, broken by some players with more or less impunity. This appears to be the case with the club in baseball too. It is expected that next year, managers will have more control over their players. Salaries will probably be cut down wherever possible and the players will have to hustle to hold their berths. This latter condition will especially hurt the Griffmen, owing to Griffith's plan to rebuild his team from the bottom up.

At least half a dozen Washington players don't hesitate to say that the club can't dispose of them as it wishes, because they don't accept any transfer, unless it suits them. They realize that, to a certain extent, the club is helpless. Their contracts probably carry a provision that they must be consulted before sent away for more training. Their attitude of mind is typical of the modern big leaguer. He is up to who will knock him down? Along about next December the managers will meet in New York and then it is expected that they will commence knocking down players. And when the knocking down is ended, the big league will contain more earnest athletes, trying to hold their jobs by good playing, than shiftless, good-for-nothing loafers tied with ironclad contracts.

It is largely owing to such conditions that Manager Griffith will hardly be able to begin rebuilding his ball club until next season. His hands must be untied before he can do his best work. The influence of the Federal League is waiting rapidly, and with it will be the influence of Paul's organization. When the managers become real managers again, the Old Fox will be able to do something worth while. But he is deeply in earnest about cleaning house. He has his victims picked out, and he knows it. He is up to who will knock him down? It would be poor policy. Several of the Washington players would welcome changes to other big league teams, and as it happens, in their particular cases the fans would shed no tears at their going. It is no wonder that Griffith has to go to the limit to get rid of his fans when he drops his undesirable. The fans have already dropped them. When you come right down to brass tacks, the fans must be satisfied to remain fans. Dissatisfied, they will leave the club. But a brighter day is coming, if they will only wait in patience.

Love and Baseball Is Bad Combination

Late Hours and a Straying Mind Have Wrecked Many Promising Recruits—Cupid Is Common Nuisance to Big League Manager.

By FRANK L. CHANCE.

Cupid is generally painted as a pink-tongued little god with a small, innocent face. Also there is an old saying: "All the world loves a lover."

These facts being plainly stated, it may be well to proceed with the why and wherefore of all this in relation to baseball. The plain facts of the matter are that Cupid, to a big league manager, is nothing more or less than a common nuisance, and if the little god were to be painted according to the aforesaid big league manager's ideas he would have horns instead of wings, and would otherwise resemble a small demon of the lower regions.

When Cupid shoots a big league ball player the manager's troubles begin. It is dollars to doughnuts that the love-sick ball player will not be worth his hotel and traveling expenses as usual. He is uncommonly level-headed or is rudely jolted out of his pursuit of "love's sweet dream."

Now all of this has to do with the plight I found myself in one season when I had a young pitcher with a "million-dollar" arm and a 10-cent heart. One of the sort that is extremely susceptible to the alluring glances of feminine eyes. It would not have been so bad if the alien who ensnared my pitcher had not been several years on the other side of thirty, while the pitcher was in his teens.

To make matters worse, the elderly damsel, who had been the pitcher's lister except to add him to her list of victims. And the list was a fairly long one. I was informed.

The first time I had of the love-lorn youth's condition was the fact that he was displaying little interest in his work. He had no "pep," as the players say. When he came out for morning practice he worked in a desultory fashion. When he pitched in a game he was little better. His main idea seemed to be to get out of his uniform and into his street clothes with all speed and dispatch.

Of course, I set about trying to discover what ailed him. I had great hopes of his ability to "burn up" ease league" during the coming season, and so far as I could see he was not due to do any burning unless he changed considerably.

It was several weeks before I could get at the bottom of the pitcher's trouble. I investigated and found he was not dissatisfied and was not dissatisfied. By accident I discovered his secret. I overheard two ball players talking.

"Jimmy (that isn't within a mile of the young pitcher's name) is badly gone on that dark haired girl who lives in So and So's restaurant," said one of them.

"You will have trouble in sticking in the big league," said a grip on yourself and let this woman alone. She is only laughing at you, and all of your friends are doing the same thing.

"I'll do it. I will cut it out and be done," he promised. "For a week his work was a little better. He won a close game for me and I thought he had gotten over his foolishness. Alas, there is where the little god had had the laugh on me. The pitcher tumbled into love head over heels, deeper than ever. I knew it in a minute, and went to him again.

"Thought you were going to forget this love business," I said, making it as blunt as I could. "I thought you were going to devote your life to baseball. The young pitcher shook his head dejectedly.

"I didn't know what to do, but I warned him that if he wasn't at the hotel on 3 o'clock every night I would have to take some action. I think he obeyed my mandate for two or three evenings, but then he came back with his eyes full of love and his heart full of love. He was one of the all-night players, which are numerous in nearly every city, and no ball player can sit up all night and then expect to play ball the next day. It was on account of this that I was particularly desirous of breaking up the affair of hearts.

One night at midnight the telephone rang in my apartment, and I got up out of bed to see who it was.

"Jimmy is sitting in So-and-So's cafe," said the person at the other end of the wire, and then hung up without telling me more. I was pretty tired, but I got up and dressed and called a taxi. I drove straight to the place. There was my hopeful young pitcher sitting at a table, devouring the lady of his fancy with his eyes. I told him to come with me, and then suspended him. Then I took him out of the place and sent him to his room.

A few days after that he came to me and said: "I would like to pitch today. My arm feels fine. I think I can beat that team."

"You can't pitch; you are under suspension orders," I informed him. His face fell. "Oh," he said, and walked away.

I kept him suspended for several days and then reinstated him. He was cured. Now this is only a single isolated case, but there have been hundreds of parallel cases in the big leagues, and it is one of the many of the same sort. I have used different methods in breaking them up, sometimes with success and sometimes with failure.

As a finishing touch I may add that the young player in question was one of the sensations of the year after Cupid had been routed.

Savage Hunger.

Mary and Tommy had been to hear a missionary talk at Sunday school.

"Did he tell you about the poor heathen?" father inquired at the dinner table.

"Yes, sir," answered Mary. "He said that they were often hungry, and when they beat on their tum-tums it could be heard for miles."—New York Evening Post.

A Gloomy Outlook.

Small Johnny was wriggling and twisting in a vain endeavor to put his arms through the sleeves of an undergarment and then got it over his head. After several futile attempts he called out to his mother:

"Say, mama, when I get to be an angel, and have wings, I don't see how I'll ever get my shirt on!"—New York Times.

ARDMORE WILL STAGE FOUR PRELIMINARIES

Also Fast Semi-Windup Is to Be Arranged Ahead of Lowe-Houck Match.

Four preliminary matches which are to last four rounds each and a semi-windup will make up the remainder of the program which will be presented at the Ardmore Club one week from tonight when the clubhouse puts on its first show under the direct management of Jimmy La Fontaine. These will all precede the Tommy Lowe-Willie Houck affair, which is scheduled to go fifteen rounds.

Houck is one of the fastest light-weight boys ever produced by the raft of fight clubs which exist in Philadelphia. He has been stacked up against the toughest of the throng of would-be champions which the Quaker City in search of work, and has invariably passed through his mills with colors flying.

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La Fontaine has about decided on the personnel of the side who will be seen in the preliminaries. He will have a complete list of these ready to announce in a couple of days. He wishes to have these matches as interesting as the main bout, and he is sparing no means to get the best mated boys together for the early rounds.

COMBINED FLEETS NOW AT ST. MARYS

Baltimore and Washington Yachts Sail to Oxford, Md., Tomorrow Morning.

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Tomorrow the combined fleets will take a forty-eight mile run to Oxford, Md. Thursday is an off day on the schedule and will probably be welcomed by those on the big cruise.

On Friday a big time is expected at Easton, where the races of the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club will be held. The combined fleets of the Baltimore and Washington yachts will be in New York, Philadelphia, and Norfolk, which will add a great deal toward making the affair a success.

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PHOTOPLAYS AND PHOTOPLAYERS

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TODAY'S BEST FILMS

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Charlotte Walker in "Kindling," Columbia Theater, Twelfth and F. All star cast in "Love, Snow and Ice," Arcade Park, Fourteenth and Park road. Hazel Dawn in "Clarissa," Crandall's, Ninth and E. "The Lorelei Madonna," and "The Goddess" (Ninth Chapter), Leader, Ninth near E. Emmet Corrigan in "Greater Love Hath No Man," Strand, Ninth and D. Edith Storey, in "Island of Regeneration," Garden, 423 Ninth. Janet Beecher, in "Fine Feathers," Hippodrome, 808 K. "Vain Justice," Revere, Park road and Georgia avenue. "Martin Love, Fixer," Alhambra. Eugene O'Brien and Elaine Hammerstein, in "The Moonstone," Olympic, 1431 U.

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Nature Rivals Man in Holding Expositions

Two expositions, like great magnets, are drawing Westward the eyes and the desires of the people of America. The Panama-Pacific, at San Francisco, is the acknowledged masterpiece of international fairs. The Panama-California at San Diego, is a gem of sublimity, beauty and substantial worth. Each, of its own kind, is altogether admirable. They conflict in no wise; each supplements the other.

But these are by no means all the expositions in the West this summer. Nature in her most majestic manifestations beckons the traveler to spectacles of grandeur and loveliness unexcelled. Glacier National Park invites America to an Alpine wilderness which some day will draw Europe's thousands across sea and continent. Mt. Rainier, loquacious of the West, extends her glacial fingers down to the valley, and her depths and give forth again in hues that do not seem real. Yellowstone exhibits fields of spouting geysers with which those of Iceland and New Zealand together offer no comparison. Yosemite presents her incomparable valley. Sequoia exhibits 1200 giant trees, some of which have lived through all written history. The Grand Canyon hides her river 7000 feet deep in a gulf of color so gorgeous and yet so wondrous that no painter can reproduce it. And Colorado invites all to her two national parks. Rocky Mountain, who has new, whose gateway is beautiful Estes Park, and Mesa Verde, with its cliff dwellings of prehistoric times.

American in Germany Seized As Englishman

LONDON, July 20.—Charles B. Frey, of Flint, Mich., who reached here after escaping from a German concentration camp in which he had been held since October has submitted to American Consul General Skinner an affidavit describing his experiences.

Mr. Skinner forwarded the affidavit to Washington. Mr. Frey was in Germany installing self-starters on automobiles when the war began. German officers visited his room and asked him to be an Englishman, although he says that he exhibited a passport and a birth certificate. He was sent to a German camp, where he was made to work on military automobiles. He made his escape from the concentration camp on May 11, and walked across